

IN THREE DAYS GERMANS LOSE WORK OF WEEKS

Initiative In the Verdun Sector Passes to the French.

DESPERATE FIGHTING ON

One Side of Fleury French Other Part Germans.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, August 4.—Attacking simultaneously from the west and from the southeast French troops yesterday stormed the village of Fleury 3 miles north of Verdun and captured several hundred Germans. In the evening, however, the Germans launched furious counter attacks that after several violent attempts succeeded in getting a foothold in the southern part of the villa. The French today continue to hold the northern section of the place and heavy fighting still is in progress.

Verdun is again in the centre of the war stage. The recapture by the French of the village of Fleury which had been held by the Germans for more than a month has caused great elation in France.

It is the first fruits of the French slow and methodical offensive begun three days ago and seems in the opinion of the French military observers to mark an epoch in the six months battle for the great fortress on the Meuse.

The Germans appear to be less and less capable of operating on their old overwhelming scale, and the initiative, military men think here, is about to pass to the French for good.

While German artillery continues to be as powerful and well supplied as ever, the Germans no longer are able to gather the masses of troops necessary to reap the benefits of artillery preparation.

It is 20 days since the Germans made their last big attack on the right bank of the Meuse by which they obtained all results at heavy costs.

On the left bank of the Meuse nothing beyond local action have been attempted by the invaders for a week.

French bomb throwers for a fortnight past in anticipation of the present offensive had been creeping forward by the Vigne ravine west of Froid Terre with the object of getting near Villamont by working round hill No. 365.

The bombers first reached the Bras-Fleury road. They then separated into two parties one going to the eastward toward the Thiameunt works and the second pushing northward toward Vacherauville and Pepper Hill.

Last week the first party stormed a redoubt west of Thiameunt and after a stiff fight went beyond that position. The second party reached the little woods of Vacherauville. The whole section from Vacherauville to the approaches of Souville thus were in the hands of the French and the higher commands judged the time right to attack from all sides at once. Attacked from the northwest and the southeast the Germans in Fleury offered desperate resistance but the French bayonets finally prevailed. Some Germans managed to escape to the Vaux-le-Chapelle woods but a majority were taken prisoner.

To sum up, the French in their last three days offensive regained all the ground that the Germans had taken several weeks to conquer. They took all the positions for a depth of about a mile from the slopes of Souville court to the approaches of Hill No. 320 as well in the woods east of Vacherauville and the Vignes ravine.

The French also installed themselves in positions southwest and southeast of the famous Thiameunt woods.

Brief Telegrams.

MEXICO CITY.—Luis Cabrera, Ygnacio Bonillas and Alberto Pani have been selected as the Mexican commissioners to negotiate with the United States regarding the questions at issue between the two countries.

WASHINGTON.—The Senate has begun the consideration of the bill to prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor.

NORFOLK.—The last thing Captain Koenig and the crew of the Deutschland did before submerging a mile off the coast was to stand on the deck of the submarine and give three rousing cheers for America and the American people. This news was brought by the tug Timmins which accompanied the submarine beyond the cape.

HARRISBURG.—According to reports made to the Pennsylvania Compensation Commission 200 workers were killed in the industrial plants of that state during July.

WASHINGTON.—It is announced that the members of the Farm Loan board will meet for organization August 7. The members of the board have all been confirmed by the Senate.

Injunction Granted In Lincoln Dist. Case

COUNTY COURT IS RESTRAINED FROM SELLING THE ROAD BONDS.

A temporary injunction restraining the Marion county court from the issue and sale of the Lincoln district road bonds, was granted today by Judge Maxwell of Clarksburg. This injunction will hold until the Marion county circuit court convenes again when the matter will be referred to Judge W. S. Haymond. Nothing more toward the building of the \$650,000 worth of new roads can be done by the county court in the meantime. The members of the court this afternoon went to Houtt town to view the location of a new road that has been asked for by a number of the citizens from that place. About a mile of new road will have to be built from Houtt toward Pricketts creek and Viola, in order to provide an outlet for the people of that community. The former road was made impassable when the Monongahela railroad was built through that region.

No action was taken by the court concerning the three Yasco children, this matter again being referred to Father Michaelowski, Polish priest at Monongah, the local humane society having refused to do anything at all in this case. The oldest of the two little girls is but 7 and the other is but 8 months of age.

J. WALTER BEE'S PRISONERS WERE ALL DISCHARGED

Their Grips Properly Labeled, Fairmont Justice Decides.

Somebody's eyes are bad or else J. Walter Bee has a copy of the Yost prohibition law which does not agree with the regular imprints.

Frank Bell and Pearl Higgins, out of a capture of 18 in the Bee net are the only ones left in jail, they having decided to wait until they can muster courage to stand trial. The others caught are all right now enjoying their freedom after having spent two and three days in jail.

Frank Demarck, Bill Olein, Frank Shuman and Mike Opinion were all discharged, their goods being properly labeled when they were ready for trial. Patsy Butcher who was picked up on the streets was also dismissed, nothing being wrong with his pack.

James Batton, Frank Batton, John Carr and John Mraz who is a clarksburg policeman, figured that it would be best to try their cases before the Grand jury and give bond for their appearances before that body. Carrie Morgan, Jess Blalock and Alf Murray, all colored, figured they had their goods properly labeled and asked for trial before the Grand jury; waiving preliminary hearing. Their request was granted.

It is understood that Bee's policy is to arrest a man who has a suit case full of whiskey on the ground that a suit case full is too much for one man's personal use. It was on this ground that he picked up his 18 men within the past few days. Marion county justices, feeling that the law was made at Charleston, have been dismissing such cases.

Treaty of Sale for the Danish Isles Signed

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Acting Secretary Polk announced today that the treaty by which the United States is to purchase the Danish West Indies from Denmark for \$25,000,000 was signed at New York this morning by Secretary Lansing and Minister Constantine Brun.

CONFIRMS HOTEL SALE

GRAFTON, W. Va., Aug. 4.—The report of the sale of the Hotel Willard at Grafton was filed in the United States District court at Wheeling by Attorney J. M. Ritz, special commissioner to John T. McGraw, for \$70,000. A petition was also filed with the report by Colonel McGraw asking that the plaintiff, J. J. Walsh, Jr., of Baltimore, be requested to account for the securities belonging to McGraw and hypothecated to Walsh during the litigation. Judge C. C. Dayton entered an order confirming the sale of the hotel.

High Lights on European War

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Minor operations last night by the British on the Somme front resulted in the gain for them of some ground west of Pozieres, the War office said today.

PEROGRA, Aug. 4.—Russian troops have captured the village of Rudka Mirnyaskala on the River Stavok a left tributary of the Stokhod. It was officially said today by the Russian official statement. This village is 19 miles east of Kovel.

MANY WANT TO GO TO CONVENTION AT HUNTINGTON

Twenty-One Delegates Will Be Selected Tomorrow Afternoon.

BIG TURN OUT EXPECTED

Those Who Attend Will Meet All the County Candidates.

With every detail of the plans for the Marion County Republican convention to be held here tomorrow completed today the prospects for successfully beginning the campaign for the fall election are better than ever. Promptness and dispatch in disposing of the business of the meeting will feature the convention and immediately after Chairman Frank R. Amos calls the meeting to order at two p. m. the organization of the Republicans present will be effected. As soon as the chairman of the meeting is chosen he will take the chair and the business of selecting the delegates to the state convention at Huntington will begin.

There are many aspirants for the honor of representing the county at Huntington and plenty of good men will be available for this duty. This is another evidence of the fact that a splendid turnout of the Marion county Republicans is assured both tomorrow and at the fall election. The opportunity of meeting all of the Marion county candidates at the beginning of the campaign, which promises this year to be full of interest, is another inducement that will operate to bring out practically all of the prominent party workers.

The twenty-one delegates that will be selected to the Huntington convention, to be held August 10, will be apportioned to the various districts in the county as follows: Fairmont district, 9; Union district, 3; Mannington district, 3; Lincoln district, 2; Ray Paw district, 2; Winfield and Grand districts one delegate each. This is the apportionment that was followed at the last convention when delegates to the Wheeling convention early in June were selected. This apportionment will of course be passed upon by a committee tomorrow before it is accepted as the one adopted.

PROGRESSIVES NOT TO NAME CANDIDATE

Party, However, Will Be Kept Alive, As Political Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 4.—At a meeting of leaders attending the Progressive party conference here yesterday it was decided not to nominate a candidate for President but to appoint an executive committee of 15 to perpetuate the party and adopt resolutions criticising the national committee for endorsing Hughes in Chicago, June 26.

A letter was read from former National Committeeman G. D. Pope of Michigan, in which he denied having violated any instructions of the state organizations in voting to endorse Hughes at Chicago, June 26.

Chairman Matthew Hale, in speaking for Massachusetts, said the Progressives had lost their legal identity in that state by a failure to cast sufficient votes at the last election.

Balmbridge Colby of New York, A. D. Norton of Missouri, John R. Taylor of New York, J. M. McCormick of Texas and Mrs. Sarah E. Lyons of Minnesota.

John M. Parker of Louisiana, Progressive nominee for Vice President, was given an ovation when he stepped to the platform to address the conference. He was cheered when he said:

"In the past it was charged that we were controlled by two men, one a leader, and the other was credited as buying us. Thank God nobody owns the Progressive party today."

Mr. Parker reviewed the history of the party, praised the platform adopted at the national convention last June, and urged that steps be taken to perpetuate the party.

On motion of A. D. Norton of Missouri the conference decided to appoint an executive committee of 15 to plan the perpetuation of the Progressive party as a national political organization.

MISS McDONOUGH WEDS.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Rosa Rathbun McDonough of St. Louis, Mo., and Meredith VonAllen of Chicago, have been received in this city by friends of the bride. The marriage took place on Tuesday at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Fanny E. McDonough in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. VonAllen will reside in Chicago. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Vaughn Jolliffe of this city and has visited here frequently where she is popular in social circles. The news of her marriage will be learned with interest here. The McDonoughs formerly lived at Washington, Pa.

\$75,000 In Claims Against Coal Co.

DIRECTORS OF PARKER RUN COAL COMPANY WILL HAVE TO DIG DEEP

The creditors of the bankrupt Parker Run Coal and Coke company will likely recover all of their claims but the majority of the assets of the directors of the corporation will be used to liquidate these debts. Liabilities totalling approximately \$75,000 were proved today before B. L. Butcher, Commissioner of Chancery.

The liquidation of this amount will affect all of the directors of the company as the claims of the corporation's creditors are liens against the real estate held by the directors. The mine and the coal land belonging to the Parker Run company were bought some time ago by the Fairmont and Cleveland Coal company who are now operating the property.

John W. Potts was the organizer of the defunct company and many local business men were stockholders in the concern.

Working Button Strike is Ended

(By Associated Press.)
CARBONDALE, Pa., Aug. 4.—The "working button" strike at Powderly mines ended today after idleness of 700 workmen since Monday, the three men over whom the strike resulted joined the workers' union. The 1,400 Coal Brook mine employees are still idle because of similar strike and to these were today added 500 men from No. 1 mine because seven men there had no buttons.

JOHN S. WALKER DIES IN COLORADO

Was Former Union District Constable and Prominent in Lodge.

John S. Walker, a prominent citizen of this city, died yesterday at Colorado Springs, Colo., after an illness with tuberculosis, aged about 50 years.

Several years ago Mr. Walker suffered a severe stage of typhoid fever which left him in a weakened condition. Two years ago he went to Colorado Springs, in hopes the change of climate might prove beneficial. For a time he improved to some extent but in the past year had been failing rapidly. Several months ago his wife and daughters went to Colorado to be with him and were there at the time of his death.

Mr. Walker was constable in Union district for a number of years. He was prominently identified with the First M. P. church of the East side and was a time superintendent of the Sabbath school of that church. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and of the Order of the Red Men.

Mrs. Walker, the wife of the deceased, was formerly Miss Lucy Hayhurst. She survives him with two daughters, Misses Phyllis and Naomi. Mrs. Walker is a sister of Mrs. C. O. Hayhurst of this city.

The body of Mr. Walker accompanied by his wife and daughters is en route to this city, though just when the funeral party will reach here is not known at this time. The funeral will probably not take place before the early part of next week.

May Not Spend Road Bond Money

MORGANTOWN, Aug. 4.—The Monongalia County court has become entangled in a mess of litigation over the expenditures of the \$300,000 bond issue recently voted for the Decker's Creek road, Judge Mason and Lynch, of the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday granted an injunction to a number of the citizens restraining the court from expending money.

The protest arose over the location of the road, it being alleged that the court and the engineer did not construct the road where specified in the bond election. The contract has been let for the construction of the new road and it will be built despite the injunction and paid for from the county fund in case the injunction is made permanent.

Hughes is Packing For Western Trip

(By Associated Press.)
BRIDGEHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Chas. E. Hughes spent today packing his trunk for his western trip. One of the three trunks he will take with him will be filled with memoranda, letters, documents and other data which he will use in his speeches he expects to make. Accompanied by Mrs. Hughes he will leave here tomorrow for New York where the start for the west will be made tomorrow night.

Auto and Trolley Collide.—W. T. Black of the Fairmont Wall Plaster Co. narrowly avoided a serious accident today at noon. He was driving down Fairmont avenue as the one o'clock Clarksburg car was coming across the bridge. His car got caught in the track and he couldn't get it out and before he could stop the car or the motorman could stop the car they came head on with the result that the auto suffered a badly bent mudguard, radiator crushed and one wheel cracked.

UNORGANIZED TRAINMEN APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THREATENED STRIKE

Heads of the Railroad Brotherhoods



Top, left to right, A. B. Garretson (conductors,) and W. G. Lee (trainmen); below, W. S. Carter (firemen,) and W. S. Stone (engineers.)

Bombs Are Dropped On the Suez Canal

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 4.—A bombardment of shipping on Suez canal by hostile aeroplanes was announced today in an official statement. The attack was carried out by two machines over Lake Timsah, 45 miles south of Fort Said. The town of Ismailia on the lake border was bombed. No damage was done by either attack according to the statement.

Tennessee Storm Claimed 28 Victims

(By Associated Press.)
MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Aug. 4.—A revised list of the dead reported today from Blair creek in the Bare Creek region of Northern Tennessee shows that the cloud burst which visited the little sparsely populated country Wednesday night claimed a total of 28 dead.

Ten others are reported missing although it has not been definitely established whether they are in the district when the waters engulfed it.

Garment Workers Strike Settled

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Conciliators of the department of Labor engaged in the settlement of the garment workers strike in New York reported today that the strike had been called off and that it was estimated 50,000 workers would return to their places Monday.

Sentry Shot in Leg By Mexican Bullet

(By Associated Press.)
NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 4.—Private Howard of company G, 12th United States cavalry was struck in the leg by a sniper's bullet, fired from the Mexican side while on sentry duty at the international bridge here early today. Howard returned the fire, but without effect, it is believed.

Second Regiment Still Losing Men

(Special to The West Virginian.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 4.—Ten more members of the Second West Virginia Infantry were discharged today by reason of their having dependants at home. About thirty more will be discharged. Their places will be taken by recruits being sought in the State wide campaign now being made by former officers of the First regiment.

Impeachment Will Be Dropped by House

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 4.—Chairman Webb of the House Judiciary committee today presented a report of the sub committee investigating impeachment charges against H. Snowden Marshall, United States attorney of New York, recommending that the proceedings be dropped.

Petition Signed by Men in Four States Has Been Forwarded.

CHAMBERS SEES WILSON

Tells President the Situation Is Not Yet Hopeless.

(By Associated Press.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 4.—A movement looking to an appeal to Congress for decisive action to prevent a strike on the railroads of the country has been inaugurated by employees. On the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway.

A petition signed by 6,000 representatives of the non-brotherhood men has been signed in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee. It sets forth that 20 per cent of the employees representing the brotherhood should not be allowed to throw the other 80 per cent out of work and calls upon Congress to see that the trouble is averted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Judge William L. Chambers, commissioner of the United States board of mediation and conciliation conferred with President Wilson today over the threatened strike of 400,000 railroad employees.

They discussed every phase of the situation but Judge Chambers told the president he believed there was nothing formal that the federal government could do until the railroad managers and the representatives of the employees meet again next week after counting of the strike vote has been completed.

Judge Chambers thinks the situation is not hopeless and that there is still a chance for employers and employees to reach an agreement.

The Board of mediation conciliation expects to be called in should a break be inevitable.

Railway Wage Probe Held Up in Senate

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The Senate Commerce committee today voted to table Senator Newland's resolution to direct the Inter State Commerce Commission to investigate and report to Congress on wages and hours of service of each class of railroad employees because action was deemed inadvisable pending mediation and arbitration of disputes between railroads and their employees.

City Hall Notes

Tomorrow is pay day about the city hall and everybody is busy going through the red tape necessary to get their coin. The money received by the city force will for the most part go to the traction company and railroad company next week for trips to Ice's Run and the up river camps.

"Buffalo Bill" (himself) wants to come to Fairmont with his 101 Ranch and Buffalo Bill show and has written to Mayor Anthony Bowen for license fee. This year has a "Preparedness" feature, in which part of the United States cavalry is used in showing the public how to run machine guns, mount horses and also an aerial squad which makes flights with a biplane. The license fee for Fairmont is \$50 each performance. No data was mentioned.

Robert Glass, colored, this morning took out a license to run an auto jitney line. Bob had a wad of \$500 in his jeans when the city clerk asked for his fee. It will not be called the Jim Crow car.

A discovery was made today when Carl Martin in the Fire Department accidentally ran across the knowledge that it is harder to kill a fly with a swatter while said fly is in the sun than it is when in the shade. His gives his knowledge free to the world.

The Weather.

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Saturday.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS
F. P. Hall, Observer
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 74.
Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 92; minimum 64; precipitation trace.

NOTICE.

Consumers of city water are notified that an impure condition in the water prevails at this time and boiling water for drinking purposes is recommended by the City Health department. The impurity will probably be corrected within a week.